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'TWO TOP'

This area is just outside of West Yellowstone, Montana. On a clear day, from atop this mountain, you can see down into Idaho and Wyoming and of course back into Montana. The snow on top at times gets to 10 and 12 foot depths. The trees look like Snow Sculptures, and are truly a sight to see.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Civilian Labor Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.

2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.

3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).

4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian labor force.

5. Residence Data - a count of employment by where people live.

6. Establishment Data - a count of employment by where people work.

7. Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the labor force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.

8. Composite Index - an aggregate of six leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Employment, Average Weekly Hours, total Accessions and Layoffs; Average Weekly Initial Claims; and statewide Building Permits. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U. S. Department of Commerce.

9. Real Spendable Average Weekly Earnings of Private Nonagricultural Production Workers - represents the earnings of a hypothetical individual after deductions for State Income, Federal Income and Social Security taxes, and adjustment for change in purchasing power since 1967. This individual is assumed to be sole support for a family of four, earn the average weekly gross earnings of production workers in Montana's private nonagricultural industries, and take standard deductions on State and Federal income taxes. Taxes were computed using standard tax tables, and purchasing power was adjusted by deflating Spendable Earnings based on the national Consumer Price Index.

10. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.

11. CETA - Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1974.

12. CETA-CEP - Concentrated Employment Program funded under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

13. SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area as determined by Office of Management and Budget. Must have a central city with population of 50,000 or more.

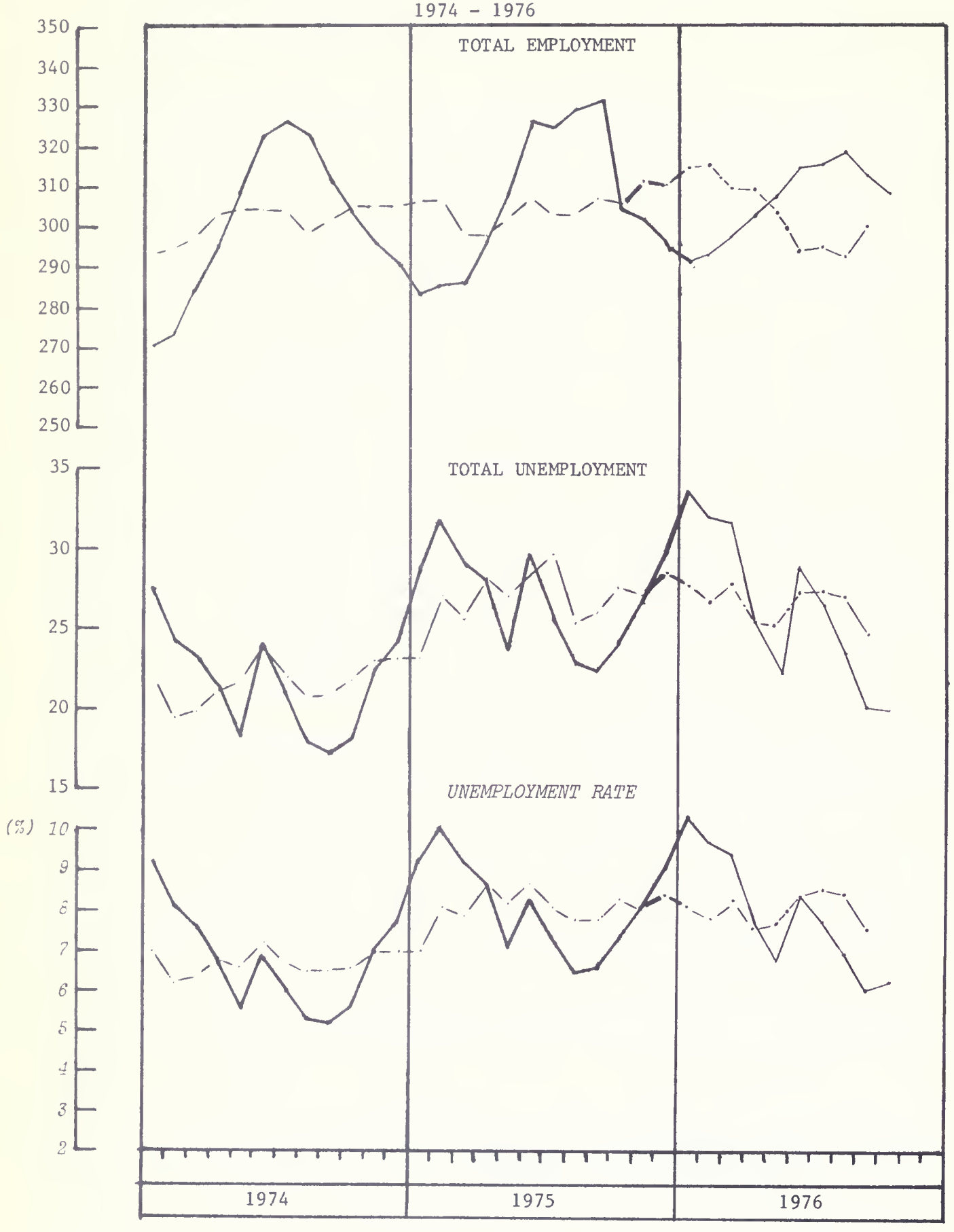
14. LMA - Labor Market Area as determined by the Montana Employment Security Division consists of a central city or cities with population of less than 50,000, and the economically integrated geographical area surrounding it.

MONTANA EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED: ——)

(SEASONALLY ADJUSTED: ·-·-)

1974 - 1976



BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES, VS ACTUAL STATE OF MONTANA EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

The Bureau of Labor statistics compiles national unemployment on the basis of a monthly Current Population Survey (C.P.S.). Twenty-seven states have large enough samples to enable the Bureau to determine those state's unemployment rate. Twenty-three states, in which Montana is included, must determine their unemployment by means of a statistical formula. Because of the difference in methodology, when C.P.S. states are added to non-C.P.S. states, the unemployment rate differs from that of the "National" rate.

Early in 1976 the Office of Management and Budget mandated that the Bureau of Labor Statistics force the aggregate of all states to equal the national C.P.S. estimates. March 4, 1976, this agency was mandated by the Bureau to adjust the state unemployment rate for 1975 and throughout 1976 downward. All states in B. L. S. Region VIII received the same adjustment factors. Analysis of these adjustment factors indicatesthat Montana's unemployment rate would arbitrarily be reduced and end results would be misleading and not representative of Montana's actual economic conditions. Therefore, because this agency owes the public in Montana the most reliable and consistent figures available, Montana's Employment Security Research and Analysis Section will continue to publish what is felt are actual unemployment statistics in this publication. This agency will furnish the Bureau with adjusted figures on required reports, but Montana will not publish them.

Because of the above, Bureau of Labor Statistics publications will not agree with statistics as <u>published</u> by Montana's Employment Security Research and Analysis Section.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET

SEPTEMBER 1976

Montana's September civilian labor force reached 332,000 and employment reached 312,000 while unemployment reached 20,000. The unemployment rate for Montana was 6.0% for September compared to 6.9% for August and 6.6% for September one year ago. Due to the fact that Montana has been experiencing an "Indian Summer" with our prolonged fall weather, the unemployment rate showed no substantial increase between the October forecast figure of 6.2% and the September figure of 6.0%. There was a net increase of .7% during the same period of time one year ago.

Non-farm wage and salary jobs (establishment data) totaled 248,100 in September compared with 244,100 one month ago and 249,800 in September, 1975. Manufacturing employment increased 200 from the August figure of 23,200. Government employment showed the largest positive net change because of the substantial increase in local employment education. With the resumption of the local schools in September there was a positive net change of 5.5% over August, 1976.

Montana's important agriculture industry dropped off to 35,600 for September after reaching the agricultural employment peak of the year in August. Montana's total wheat crop is forecast at a record 163 million bushels--5% above last year, according to the Montana Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. The total of Montana's major grain production (wheat, barley, oats) is expected to reach 224 million bushels, or 3% above last year's record. Soil moisture was in short supply in most northern and eastern counties of the state, which has left the condition of winter wheat only fair. The harvesting of sugar beets has picked up and now only 20% are left to be dug.

Montana's non-agricultural wage earner worked an average of 36.2 hours for the month of September at a rate of $4.85 an hour. Average weekly earnings for September were $175.57 compared with $165.53 for the same month one year ago. Real spendable average weekly earnings for a private non-agricultural wage earner was $86.37 for the month of September which is a .5% decrease from the August, 1976 figure of $86.77.

Labor Turnover Rates for Montana showed both the manufacturing and mining accession rates for September of 3.1% and 2.5% respectively are down from the August, 1976, figures The nondurable goods industries again has a higher accession rate than any of the other manufacturing industries or the mining industries. On the negative side, the metal mining industry is the only industry for the month of August to have its accession rate higher than its separation rate.

September building permits for Montana is 823 compared with August's figure of 807. However, residential building permits are down 4.7% from August's figure of 274 to a September figure of 261.

The production of crude oil and condensate for July from the oil and gas areas of Montana averaged 88,975 barrels daily, an increase of 156 barrels from the average production of 88,819 barrels daily in June and 1,656 barrels in July one year ago.

Montana's seven refineries processed 148,807 barrels of crude oil daily, an increase of 4,061 barrels over the month of June, as reported in the Montana Oil and Gas Statistical Bulletin. During July there were 5 oil wells, 10 gas wells, and 15 dry holes completed. 82 permits were issued during July to drill new wells, an increase of 17 from the 65 permits issued during June.

On the positive side, Montana's composite index of six leading indicators showed a positive increase to an August figure of 96.94 from the previous month's figure of 95.93. On a seasonally adjusted basis, manufacturing employment is the only indicator to show a slight decline.

Montana's bank debits for August are up 33% over August one year ago. The only reporting area experiencing a decrease from August one year ago is Bozeman with a 1% decrease. Continuing on the positive side, the August bank debits in Great Falls are up 228% from August, 1975.

MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER 1976

Program	New Enrollees	Job Placements	End of Month Enrollment
WIN	313	105	2,033
CETA-CEP	114	46	207
CETA-INST.	126	43	273
CETA-OJT	20	27	75
JOB CORPS	37	33	203
PSE	580	203	793
CIP	38	13	274

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - U. S.[1/]

(1967 = 100)

Group	Sep. 1976	*Percent Change From:* Aug. 1976	Sep. 1975
All Items	172.6	*.4%*	*5.5%*

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED[2/]

SEPTEMBER 1976

Social Characteristics	*Percent of Total Covered Unemployment*
Non-White	*4.1%*
Female	*46.0%*
Youth	*12.1%*
Over 45	*23.8%*

1/ The Consumer Price Index measures changes in prices of goods and services bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers, including families and single persons.

2/ Based on 20% sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.

Table I

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 2/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent 1/ Montana	Percent 1/ U. S.	
1974								
January	298.1	270.5	245.7	24.8	27.6	*9.2*	*5.6*	.1
February	298.2	273.9	249.1	24.8	24.3	*8.1*	*5.7*	*
March	308.2	284.8	254.5	30.3	23.4	*7.6*	*5.3*	*
April	316.4	295.0	261.0	34.0	21.4	*6.8*	*4.8*	*
May	327.8	309.5	270.0	39.5	18.3	*5.6*	*4.6*	4.0
June	346.8	322.8	277.7	45.1	24.0	*6.9*	*5.8*	2.0
July	347.4	326.4	277.7	48.7	21.0	*6.0*	*5.6*	*
August	341.8	323.9	277.9	46.0	17.9	*5.3*	*5.3*	.2
September	329.7	312.4	275.6	36.8	17.3	*5.2*	*5.7*	*
October	322.3	304.2	269.3	34.9	18.1	*5.6*	*5.5*	*
November	319.3	296.9	266.5	30.4	22.4	*7.0*	*6.2*	.1
December	315.1	291.0	265.2	25.8	24.1	*7.7*	*6.7*	*
1974 Avg.	322.6	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.6	*6.7*	*5.6*	.5
1975								
January	308.7	279.8	253.0	26.8	28.9	*9.4*	*9.0*	*
February	309.6	278.2	250.8	27.4	31.4	*10.2*	*9.1*	.1
March	316.6	287.3	257.1	30.2	29.3	*9.2*	*9.1*	.3
April	320.3	292.3	259.4	32.9	28.0	*8.7*	*8.6*	.2
May	327.9	304.3	267.3	37.0	23.6	*7.2*	*8.3*	.1
June	349.1	319.7	278.9	40.8	29.4	*8.4*	*9.1*	.1
July	346.9	321.3	279.1	42.2	25.6	*7.4*	*8.7*	.2
August	350.9	327.9	280.7	47.2	23.0	*6.6*	*8.2*	*
September	340.2	317.7	279.3	38.4	22.5	*6.6*	*8.1*	.3
October	332.6	308.4	274.4	34.0	24.2	*7.3*	*7.8*	.3
November	332.4	305.8	274.3	31.5	26.6	*8.0*	*7.8*	.2
December	330.7	300.6	271.4	29.2	30.1	*9.1*	*7.8*	.2
1975 Avg.	330.5	303.6	268.8	34.8	26.9	*8.1*	*8.5*	.1
1976								
January	324.8	291.2	262.4	28.8	33.6	*10.3*	*8.8*	*
February	323.6	292.1	263.3	28.8	31.5	*9.7*	*8.7*	*
March	328.3	297.3	265.8	31.5	31.0	*9.5*	*8.1*	*
April	328.6	302.8	267.3	35.0	25.8	*7.9*	*7.4*	*
May	330.4	308.1	271.0	37.1	22.3	*6.8*	*6.7*	*
June	343.0$_R$	314.1$_R$	273.0$_R$	41.1	28.9	*8.4*$_R$	*8.0*	*
July	341.6$_R$	315.3$_R$	275.2$_R$	40.1	26.3	*7.7*$_R$	*7.8*	.1
August	341.4	318.0	273.3	44.7	23.4	*6.9*	*7.6*	.1
September	332.0	312.0	276.4	35.6	20.0	*6.0*	*7.4*	.1
October	*317.4*	*297.6*	*267.6*	*30.0*	*19.8*	*6.2*		.1
November								
December								
Avg.								

1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. R: Revised Series began January 1970.
2/ Non-additive - included in total employment. Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.
** Under 50. Current month in italics is a forecast; previous month preliminary.*

RESIDENCE DATA

Table II

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute[2]
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent[1] County	Percent[1] State	
1974								
January	31.5	28.6	27.6	1.0	2.9	*9.3*	*9.2*	*
February	31.1	28.7	27.7	1.0	2.4	*7.6*	*8.1*	*
March	31.9	29.6	28.3	1.3	2.3	*7.2*	*7.6*	*
April	32.3	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.0	*6.2*	*6.8*	*
May	32.4	30.4	28.7	1.7	2.0	*6.2*	*5.6*	1.4
June	34.1	31.6	29.6	2.0	2.5	*7.3*	*6.9*	1.2
July	33.9	31.7	29.5	2.2	2.2	*6.4*	*6.0*	*
August	33.8	31.8	29.8	2.0	2.0	*5.8*	*5.3*	*
September	33.2	31.3	29.7	1.6	1.9	*5.6*	*5.2*	*
October	33.1	31.3	29.8	1.5	1.8	*5.5*	*5.6*	*
November	32.1	30.1	28.7	1.4	2.0	*6.3*	*7.0*	*
December	32.2	30.1	29.0	1.1	2.1	*6.6*	*7.7*	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	*6.7*	*6.7*	.2
1975								
January	31.1	28.5	27.4	1.1	2.6	*8.3*	*9.4*	*
February	31.2	28.2	27.1	1.1	3.0	*9.7*	*10.2*	*
March	31.8	29.0	27.8	1.2	2.8	*8.7*	*9.2*	.1
April	32.5	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.7	*8.3*	*8.7*	.1
May	32.7	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.4	*7.3*	*7.2*	*
June	33.7	30.9	29.3	1.6	2.8	*8.4*	*8.4*	*
July	33.7	31.0	29.3	1.7	2.7	*8.1*	*7.4*	*
August	33.7	31.2	29.3	1.9	2.5	*7.4*	*6.6*	*
September	33.3	30.9	29.4	1.5	2.4	*7.3*	*6.6*	*
October	33.0	30.3	29.0	1.3	2.7	*8.1*	*7.3*	*
November	33.0	30.4	29.2	1.2	2.6	*7.9*	*8.0*	*
December	33.0	30.2	29.0	1.2	2.8	*8.5*	*9.1*	*
1975 Avg.	32.7	30.0	28.6	1.4	2.7	*8.2*	*8.1*	*
1976								
January	32.4	29.2	28.1	1.1	3.2	*9.8*	*10.3*	*
February	32.2	29.3	28.2	1.1	2.9	*9.1*	*9.7*	*
March	32.9	29.9	28.7	1.2	3.0	*9.2*	*9.5*	*
April	32.5	29.9	28.5	1.4	2.6	*7.9*	*7.9*	*
May	33.5	31.2	29.7	1.5	2.3	*6.9*	*6.8*	*
June	35.0	31.7	30.1	1.6	3.3	*9.3*	*8.4*	*
July	34.4[R]	31.5[R]	29.9[R]	1.6	2.9	*8.3*[R]	*7.7*[R]	*
August	34.2	31.7	29.9	1.8	2.5	*7.2*	*6.9*	*
September	33.3	31.3	29.9	1.4	2.0	*6.1*	*6.0*	*
October	*32.5*	*30.4*	*29.2*	*1.2*	*2.1*	***6.4***	*6.2*	
November								
December								
Avg.								

1/ *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. R: Revised* *Series began January 1970.*

2/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.*

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Table III

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute[2]
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent[1] County	Percent[1] State	
1974								
January	44.0	40.6	39.5	1.1	3.4	*7.8*	*9.2*	*
February	43.9	41.3	40.2	1.1	2.6	*5.9*	*8.1*	*
March	44.6	42.2	40.6	1.6	2.4	*5.4*	*7.6*	*
April	45.1	42.9	41.2	1.7	2.2	*4.9*	*6.8*	*
May	45.6	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.0	*4.4*	*5.6*	.5
June	48.1	45.0	42.7	2.3	3.1	*6.3*	*6.9*	.5
July	47.9	45.4	42.9	2.5	2.5	*5.3*	*6.0*	*
August	47.0	44.9	42.5	2.4	2.1	*4.4*	*5.3*	*
September	46.1	44.1	42.2	1.9	2.0	*4.4*	*5.2*	*
October	46.6	44.7	42.9	1.8	1.9	*4.2*	*5.6*	*
November	45.9	43.6	42.0	1.6	2.3	*5.0*	*7.0*	*
December	45.8	43.3	42.0	1.3	2.5	*5.4*	*7.7*	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	*5.3*	*6.7*	*
1975								
January	45.4	42.0	40.8	1.2	3.4	*7.6*	*9.4*	*
February	45.1	41.5	40.2	1.3	3.6	*8.0*	*10.2*	*
March	45.6	42.0	40.6	1.4	3.6	*7.9*	*9.2*	.1
April	46.8	43.4	41.9	1.5	3.4	*7.3*	*8.7*	*
May	47.1	44.5	42.8	1.7	2.6	*5.6*	*7.2*	*
June	49.0	45.6	43.7	1.9	3.4	*7.0*	*8.4*	*
July	49.5	46.3	44.4	1.9	3.2	*6.5*	*7.4*	*
August	49.2	46.1	43.9	2.2	3.1	*6.2*	*6.6*	*
September	48.5	45.6	43.8	1.8	2.9	*5.9*	*6.6*	.2
October	48.4	45.6	44.0	1.6	2.8	*5.8*	*7.3*	.2
November	49.2	46.4	45.0	1.4	2.8	*5.8*	*8.0*	*
December	48.6	45.4	44.1	1.3	3.2	*6.5*	*9.1*	*
1975 Avg.	47.7	44.5	42.9	1.6	3.2	*6.7*	*8.1*	*
1976								
January	47.4	43.7	42.4	1.3	3.7	*7.9*	*10.3*	*
February	47.1	43.8	42.5	1.3	3.3	*7.1*	*9.7*	*
March	47.5	44.1	42.7	1.4	3.4	*7.2*	*9.5*	*
April	48.3	45.4	43.8	1.6	2.9	*5.9*	*7.9*	*
May	48.1	45.8	44.1	1.7	2.3	*4.8*	*6.8*	*
June	50.7	47.2	45.3	1.9	3.5	*6.9*	*8.4*	*
July	50.4[R]	47.2[R]	45.4[R]	1.8	3.2	*6.3*[R]	*7.7*[R]	*
August	49.8	47.1	45.0	2.1	2.7	*5.5*	*6.9*	*
September	48.8	46.6	45.0	1.6	2.2	*4.6*	*6.0*	
October	*48.7*	*46.5*	*45.1*	*1.4*	*2.2*	*4.6*	*6.2*	
November								
December								
Avg.								

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RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table IV

MONTANA

Statewide Employment by Industry

SEPTEMBER 1976

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	SEPT. 1976	AUG. 1976	SEPT. 1975	Net Changes to Current Month from: AUG. 1976	Net Changes to Current Month from: SEPT. 1975
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE - PERSONS[1]	332.0	341.4	340.2	-9.4	-8.2
EMPLOYED PERSONS	312.0	318.0	317.7	-6.0	-5.7
Persons Employed in Agriculture	35.6	44.7	38.4	-9.1	-2.8
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS	20.0	23.4	22.5	-3.4	-2.5
Percent of Labor Force, Unadjusted[2]	*6.0*	*6.9*	*6.6*	*-.9*	*-.6*
Percent of Labor Force, Seasonally Adjusted[2]	*7.5*	*8.4*	*8.1*	*-.9*	*.3*
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY JOBS (Establishment Data)	*248.1*	*244.1*	*249.8*	*4.0*	*-1.7*
MANUFACTURING	*23.4*	*23.2*	*23.6*	*.2*	*-.2*
Durable Goods	*15.0*	*14.9*	*15.8*	*.1*	*-.8*
24 Lumber and Wood Products	*8.6*	*8.8*	*9.8*	*-.2*	*-1.2*
33 Primary Metal Industries	*3.6*	*3.3*	*3.2*	*.3*	*.4*
Other Durable Goods	*2.8*	*2.8*	*2.8*	*0*	*0*
Nondurable Goods	*8.4*	*8.3*	*7.8*	*.1*	*.6*
20 Food and Kindred Products	*3.8*	*3.8*	*3.3*	*0*	*.5*
27 Printing and Publishing	*2.0*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*.1*	*.1*
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	*1.2*	*1.2*	*1.2*	*0*	*0*
Other Nondurable Goods	*1.4*	*1.4*	*1.4*	*0*	*0*
MINING	*6.0*	*6.0*	*6.6*	*0*	*-.6*
10 Metal Mining	*2.3*	*2.3*	*2.8*	*0*	*-.5*
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Non-Metal Mining	*1.7*	*1.7*	*1.7*	*0*	*0*
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.1*	*0*	*-.1*

CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	11.9	11.9	14.6	0	-2.7
15 General Building Contractors	3.9	3.9	5.6	0	-1.7
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	3.2	3.2	3.7	0	-.5
17 Special Trade Contractors	4.8	4.8	5.3	0	-.5
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	20.0	20.0	19.8	0	.2
40 Railroad Transportation	6.3	6.3	6.0	0	.3
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	6.0	6.0	6.3	0	-.3
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	7.7	7.7	7.5	0	.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	60.9	60.9	62.5	0	-1.6
Wholesale Trade	12.6	12.7	12.1	-.1	.5
Retail Trade	48.3	48.2	50.4	.1	-2.1
53 & 56 General Merchandise, Apparel, Accessories	8.5	8.4	8.8	.1	-.3
54 Food Stores	6.8	6.8	6.6	0	.2
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	8.0	8.0	8.4	0	-.4
58 Eating and Drinking Places	15.1	15.1	16.3	0	-1.2
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc.	9.9	9.9	10.3	0	-.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	10.8	10.7	10.5	.1	.3
SERVICES	46.9	46.9	46.6	0	.3
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	6.1	6.1	6.8	0	-.7
72 Personal Services	2.6	2.6	2.5	0	.1
80 Medical and other Health Services	15.3	15.3	14.4	0	.9
Other Services	22.9	22.9	22.9	0	0
GOVERNMENT	68.2	64.5	65.6	3.7	2.6
91 Federal Government	14.6	14.8	15.4	-.2	-.8
92 State Colleges and Universities	8.6	8.6	8.0	0	.6
92 Other State Government	10.6	10.8	9.8	-.2	.8
93 Local Education	21.8	16.3	20.5	5.5	1.3
93 Other Local Government	12.6	14.0	11.9	-1.4	.7

1/ Estimates based on National Household Sample, Census and Other Relationships; includes self-employed, unpaid family, and domestic workers. Current month preliminary. Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.

2/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table V

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

SEPTEMBER 1976

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	SEPT 1976	AUG. 1976	SEPT 1975	Net Changes to Current Month from: AUG 1976	SEPT 1975
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE - PERSONS[1/]	33.3	34.2	33.3	-.9	0
EMPLOYED PERSONS	31.3	31.7	30.9	-.4	-.4
Persons Employed in Agriculture	1.4	1.8	1.5	-.4	-.1
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS	2.0	2.5	2.4	-.5	-.4
Percent of Labor Force, Unadjusted[2/]	*6.1*	*7.2*	*7.3*	*-1.1*	*-1.2*
Percent of Labor Force, Seasonally Adjusted[2/]	*7.0*	*8.0*	*8.2*	*-1.0*	*-1.2*
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY JOBS (Establishment Data)	*28.5*	*28.6*	*27.9*	*-.1*	*.6*
MANUFACTURING	*1.7*	*1.8*	*1.7*	*-.1*	*0*
Contract Construction	*1.7*	*1.7*	*1.7*	*0*	*0*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*0*	*0*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*8.8*	*8.8*	*8.6*	*0*	*.2*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*2.0*	*2.0*	*1.9*	*0*	*.1*
Services and Mining	*6.5*	*6.6*	*6.2*	*-.1*	*.3*
Government	*5.8*	*5.7*	*5.8*	*.1*	*0*

1/ Estimates based on National Household Sample, Census and Other Relationships; includes self-employed, unpaid family, and domestic workers.

2/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

Current month preliminary. *Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.*

Table VI

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

SEPTEMBER 1976

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	SEPT. 1976	AUG. 1976	SEPT. 1975	Net Changes to Current Month from: AUG. 1976	SEPT. 1975
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE - PERSONS[1]	48.8	49.8	48.5	-1.0	.3
EMPLOYED PERSONS	46.6	47.1	45.6	-.5	1.0
Persons Employed in Agriculture	1.6	2.1	1.8	-.5	-.2
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS	2.2	2.7	2.9	-.5	-.7
Percent of Labor Force, Unadjusted[2]	*4.6*	*5.5*	*5.9*	*-.9*	*-1.3*
Percent of Labor Force, Seasonally Adjusted[2]	*5.3*	*5.9*	*6.6*	*-.6*	*-1.3*
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY JOBS (Establishment Data)	*40.4*	*40.3*	*39.6*	*.1*	*.8*
MANUFACTURING	*3.7*	*3.7*	*3.3*	*0*	*.4*
Contract Construction	*2.2*	*2.2*	*2.3*	*0*	*-.1*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*3.4*	*3.5*	*3.6*	*-.1*	*-.2*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*13.3*	*13.4*	*13.3*	*-.1*	*0*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*2.1*	*2.1*	*2.0*	*0*	*.1*
Services and Mining	*8.5*	*8.5*	*8.4*	*0*	*.1*
Government	*7.2*	*6.9*	*6.7*	*.3*	*.5*

1/ Estimates based on National Household Sample, Census and Other Relationships; includes self-employed, unpaid family, and domestic workers.

2/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

Current month preliminary.

Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.

Table VII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	July 1976	Aug. 1976	Sept 1976	July 1976	Aug. 1976	Sept 1976	July 1976	Aug. 1976	Sept 1976	July 1976	Aug. 1976	Sept 1976
STATEWIDE	344.8	341.4	332.0	318.5	318.0	312.0	26.3	23.4	20.0	*7.6*	*6.9*	*6.0*
GREAT FALLS SMSA	35.2	34.2	33.3	32.3	31.7	31.3	2.9	2.5	2.0	*8.2*	*7.2*	*6.1*
BILLINGS SMSA	51.3	49.8	48.8	48.1	47.1	46.6	3.2	2.7	2.2	*6.2*	*5.5*	*4.6*
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	258.3	257.4	249.9	238.1	239.2	234.1	20.2	18.2	15.8	*7.8*	*7.1*	*6.3*
ANACONDA-BUTTE	37.1	37.7	36.3	33.5	33.7	33.1	3.6	4.0	3.3	*9.6*	*10.7*	*8.9*
BOZEMAN	25.1	24.9	24.3	23.5	23.6	23.0	1.6	1.3	1.2	*6.6*	*5.4*	*5.0*
GLASGOW	16.9	16.9	16.3	16.0	16.1	15.7	.8	.8	.6	*5.0*	*4.5*	*3.8*
GLENDIVE	13.8	13.8	13.5	13.3	13.4	13.0	.6	.5	.4	*4.1*	*3.5*	*3.0*
HARDIN-RED LODGE	11.4	11.3	11.0	10.7	10.7	10.5	.7	.6	.5	*6.5*	*5.3*	*4.2*
HAVRE	12.6	12.5	12.1	11.8	11.9	11.6	.9	.7	.6	*6.8*	*5.4*	*4.5*
HELENA	22.5	22.3	21.8	20.8	20.9	20.6	1.6	1.3	1.2	*7.3*	*6.0*	*5.6*
KALISPELL	33.4	33.1	32.2	29.9	30.0	29.4	3.5	3.1	2.8	*10.6*	*9.3*	*8.7*
LEWISTOWN	11.4	11.4	11.0	10.8	10.8	10.6	.6	.5	.4	*5.2*	*4.8*	*3.8*
MILES CITY	14.1	13.9	13.5	13.2	13.2	12.9	.9	.7	.6	*6.5*	*4.8*	*4.3*
MISSOULA	41.7	41.2	40.3	37.4	37.5	36.9	4.3	3.7	3.5	*10.3*	*9.0*	*8.6*
SHELBY-CUT BANK	18.3	18.4	17.6	17.2	17.4	16.8	1.1	1.0	.7	*5.8*	*5.5*	*4.1*

1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

TABLE VIII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

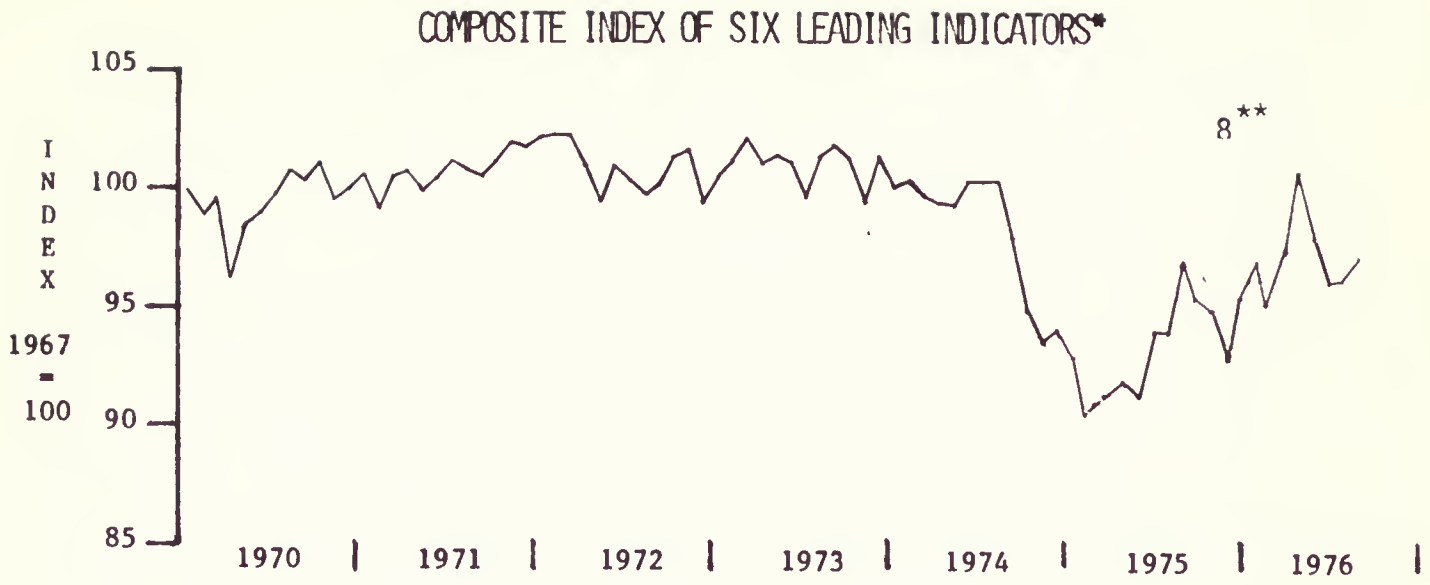
Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Sept. 1976	Sept. 1975	Percent Change 1975-1976	Sept. 1976	Sept. 1975	Percent Change 1975-1976	Sept. 1976	Sept. 1975	Net Change 1975-1976	Sept. 1976	Sept. 1975	Net Change 1975-1976
STATEWIDE	332.0	340.2	-2.4	312.0	317.7	-1.8	20.0	22.5	-2.5	6.0	6.6	- .6
GREAT FALLS SMSA	33.3	33.3	0	31.3	30.9	1.3	2.0	2.4	- .4	6.1	7.3	-1.2
BILLINGS SMSA	48.8	48.5	.6	46.6	45.6	2.2	2.2	2.9	- .7	4.6	5.9	-1.3
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	249.9	258.4	-3.3	234.1	241.2	-2.9	15.8	17.2	-1.4	6.3	6.7	- .4
ANACONDA-BUTTE	36.3	37.1	-2.2	33.1	33.8	-2.1	3.3	3.3	0	8.9	8.9	0
BOZEMAN	24.3	25.4	-4.3	23.0	23.9	-3.8	1.2	1.5	- .3	5.0	5.9	- .9
GLASGOW	16.3	17.0	-4.1	15.7	16.2	-3.1	.6	.8	- .2	3.8	4.7	- .9
GLENDIVE	13.5	14.1	-4.3	13.0	13.6	-4.4	.4	.5	- .1	3.0	3.5	- .5
HARDIN-RED LODGE	11.0	11.3	-2.7	10.5	10.8	-2.8	.5	.5	0	4.2	4.4	- .2
HAVRE	12.1	12.5	-3.2	11.6	11.9	-2.5	.6	.6	0	4.5	4.8	- .3
HELENA	21.8	22.4	-2.7	20.6	21.1	-2.4	1.2	1.3	- .1	5.6	5.8	- .2
KALISPELL	32.2	33.6	-4.2	29.4	30.3	-3.0	2.8	3.3	- .5	8.7	9.8	-1.1
LEWISTOWN	11.0	11.3	-2.7	10.6	10.9	-2.8	.4	.4	0	3.8	3.6	.3
MILES CITY	13.5	13.9	-2.9	12.9	13.4	-3.7	.6	.5	.1	4.3	3.6	.7
MISSOULA	40.3	41.6	-3.1	36.9	37.8	-2.4	3.5	3.8	- .3	8.6	9.1	- .5
SHELBY-CUT BANK	17.6	18.2	-3.3	16.8	17.5	-4.0	.7	.7	0	4.1	3.8	.3

1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS



Composite Index of SIX LEADING INDICATORS 1967 = 100

1975	
January	92.7
February	90.3
March	91.0
April	91.6
May	91.0
June	93.7
July	93.7
August	96.7
September	95.2
October	94.8
November	92.7
December	95.3
1976	
January	96.8
February	95.0
March	97.4
April	100.5
May	97.7
June	95.7
July	95.9
August	96.9
September	
October	
November	
December	

MONTANA's COMPOSITE INDEX

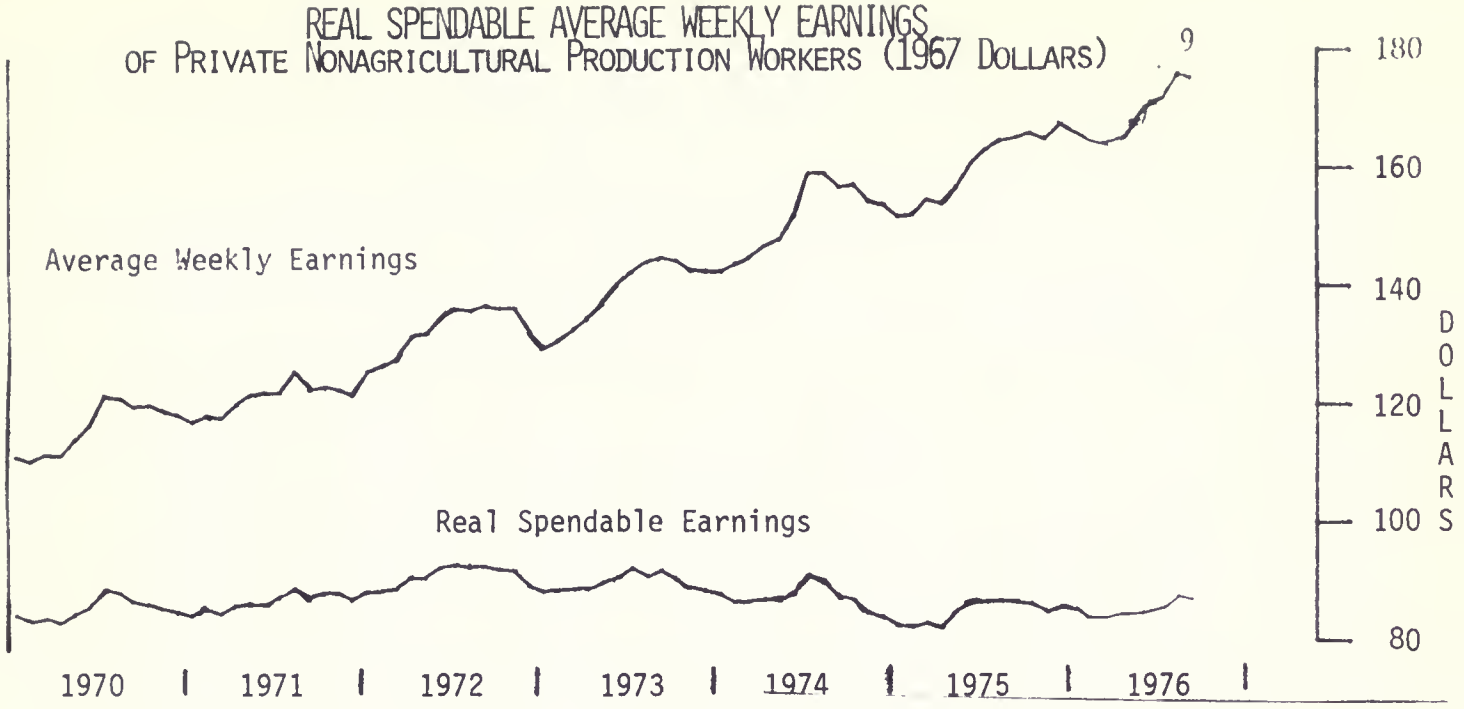
The August Composite index realized the first meaningful increase since April this year, rising to 96.9 from 95.9 in July. The only negative factor in the index was manufacturing employment, which fell 1% from July to August.

The leading indicator of accessions was unchanged with building permits up slightly. Weekly initial claims dropped 4.9% from July to August and average manufacturing weekly hours rose from 39.0 in July to 39.4 in August. The largest boost to the index came from the layoff rate, which declined from 1.5 in July to .3 workers per 100 employees in August.

* *Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.*

** *Indicates last month of plotted data.*

REAL SPENDABLE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF PRIVATE NONAGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION WORKERS (1967 DOLLARS)



	Sept 1976	Aug 1976	Sept 1975
Gross Average Weekly Earnings	$175.57	$175.69	$165.53
Taxes Withheld	26.52	26.54	23.52
Spendable Earnings	149.06	149.15	142.02
Adjustment for Price Changes Since 1967	62.69	62.38	55.21
Real Spendable Earnings in 1967 Dollars	86.37	86.77	86.81

1975	Average Weekly Earnings 1/	Real Spendable Earnings 2/
JUL	163.52	86.63
AUG.	165.07	87.04
SEP.	165.53	86.81
OCT.	165.98	86.48
NOV.	165.34	85.67
DEC.	167.81	86.36
1976		
JAN.	165.89	85.35
FEB.	164.98	84.77
MAR.	163.70	84.02
APR.	165.50	84.44
MAY	168.84	85.31
JUNE	170.88	85.69
JULY	172.67	85.92
AUG.	175.69 p	86.77 p
SEP.	175.57 p	36.37 p
OCT.		
NOV.		
DEC.		

Gross average weekly earnings were virtually unchanged from August to September, remaining 6.1% above September 1975 figures; however, real spendable earnings displayed the first decrease since this past February (.5%).

Nationally, the Consumer Price Index continued its upward movement to 172.6 from 171.9 in August. Although this month's figures do show a slight shrinkage of income, inflation since March has increased annually at only 6%, while spendable earnings have increased at a rate of 11.8% annually. The net effect for Montanans is a $2.35 increase in real spendable earnings since March.

* *Indicate last month of plotted data.* *p: Preliminary*

1/ Average weekly earning of total private nonagricultural production workers.

2/ Real spendable average weekly earnings of private nonagricultural production workers.

Table IX

RESIDENCE DATA

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute[2]
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent[1] Montana	Percent[1] U. S.	
1974								
January	315.1	293.2	257.5	35.7	21.9	7.0	5.2	.1
February	314.2	294.7	260.4	34.3	19.5	6.2	5.2	*
March	317.1	297.2	261.8	35.4	19.9	6.3	5.1	*
April	318.6	297.2	265.1	32.1	21.4	6.7	5.0	*
May	325.5	303.9	267.3	36.6	21.6	6.6	5.2	4.0
June	327.8	304.1	267.9	36.2	23.7	7.2	5.2	2.0
July	326.6	304.6	266.5	38.1	22.0	6.7	5.3	*
August	319.2	298.4	267.0	31.4	20.8	6.5	5.4	.2
September	322.6	301.7	270.5	31.2	20.9	6.5	5.8	*
October	327.3	305.6	268.1	37.5	21.7	6.6	6.0	*
November	328.5	305.5	268.7	36.8	23.0	7.0	6.6	.1
December	328.2	305.1	269.1	36.0	23.1	7.0	7.2	*
1974 Avg.	322.6	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.6	6.7	5.6	.5
1975								
January	326.0	303.0	265.8	37.2	23.0	7.0	8.2	*
February	326.4	300.0	263.3	36.7	26.4	8.1	8.2	.1
March	326.0	300.0	265.2	34.8	26.0	8.0	8.7	.3
April	323.2	295.6	262.7	32.9	27.6	8.5	8.9	.2
May	325.6	299.0	265.1	33.9	26.6	8.2	9.2	.1
June	327.4	299.7	267.7	32.0	27.7	8.4	8.6	.1
July	327.8	301.3	268.9	32.4	26.5	8.1	8.4	.2
August	329.3	302.9	270.2	32.7	26.4	8.0	8.4	*
September	333.1	306.3	273.7	32.6	26.8	8.1	8.3	.3
October	336.4	308.4	273.1	35.3	28.0	8.3	8.6	.3
November	341.0	313.0	275.4	37.6	28.0	8.2	8.3	.2
December	343.5	314.0	274.6	39.4	29.5	8.6	8.3	.2
1975 Avg.	330.5	303.6	268.8	34.8	26.9	8.1	8.5	.1
1976								
January	342.7	315.0	274.6	40.4	27.7	8.1	7.8	*
February	341.1	314.6	275.6	39.0	26.5	7.8	7.6	*
March	337.8	309.9	273.8	36.1	27.9	8.3	7.5	*
April	332.6	307.2	272.2	35.0	25.4	7.6	7.5	*
May	328.2	302.9	269.4	33.5	25.3	7.7	7.3	*
June	320.7	293.6	261.9	31.7	27.1	8.4	7.5	.1
July	321.6[R]	294.4[R]	264.5[R]	29.9	27.2	8.5[R]	7.8	.1
August	319.1	292.2	262.3	29.9	26.9	8.4	7.9	.1
September	324.2	299.7	269.5	30.2	24.5	7.5	7.8	.1
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

1/ *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. R: Revised*

2/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.*

* *Under 50.*

Series began January 1970.
Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.
Current month preliminary.

NOTE: *Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers.*

RESIDENCE DATA

Table X

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 2/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent 1/ County	Percent 1/ State	
1974								
January	32.8	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.5	7.6	7.0	*
February	32.4	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.1	6.5	6.2	*
March	32.6	30.4	28.9	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.3	*
April	32.4	30.2	28.8	1.4	2.2	6.8	6.7	*
May	32.4	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.2	6.8	6.6	1.4
June	32.5	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.2	6.8	7.2	1.2
July	32.6	30.5	28.7	1.8	2.1	6.4	6.7	*
August	32.6	30.5	29.1	1.4	2.1	6.4	6.5	*
September	32.5	30.5	29.2	1.3	2.0	6.2	6.5	*
October	33.2	31.1	29.5	1.6	2.1	6.3	6.6	*
November	32.7	30.5	28.9	1.6	2.2	6.7	7.0	*
December	32.8	30.6	29.1	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.0	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.7	.2
1975								
January	32.4	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.1	6.5	7.0	*
February	32.7	30.0	28.5	1.5	2.7	8.3	8.1	*
March	32.5	29.9	28.5	1.4	2.6	8.1	8.0	.1
April	32.6	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.8	8.7	8.5	.1
May	32.4	29.9	28.6	1.3	2.5	7.8	8.2	*
June	32.2	29.7	28.5	1.2	2.5	7.8	8.4	*
July	32.4	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.6	8.2	8.1	*
August	32.5	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.7	8.2	8.0	*
September	32.7	30.0	28.8	1.2	2.7	8.2	8.1	*
October	33.0	30.0	28.7	1.3	3.0	9.0	8.3	*
November	33.6	30.8	29.3	1.5	2.8	8.3	8.2	*
December	33.4	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.9	8.8	8.6	*
1975 Avg.	32.7	30.0	28.6	1.4	2.7	8.2	8.1	*
1976								
January	33.7	31.0	29.3	1.7	2.7	8.0	8.1	*
February	33.6	31.0	29.4	1.6	2.6	7.7	7.8	*
March	33.7	30.8	29.4	1.4	2.9	8.6	8.6	*
April	32.5	29.8	28.4	1.4	2.7	8.3	7.6	*
May	33.1	30.7	29.4	1.3	2.4	7.3	7.7	*
June	33.3	30.4	29.2	1.2	2.9	8.8	8.4	*
July	33.1R	30.3R	29.1R	1.2	2.8	8.4R	8.5R	*
August	33.0	30.4	29.2	1.2	2.6	8.0	8.4	*
September	32.7	30.4	29.2	1.2	2.3	7.0	7.5	*
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

1/ *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. R: Revised*

2/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.*

* *Under 50.*

Series began January 1970. Revised to 1975 Benchmarks. Current month preliminary.

NOTE: *Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers.*

Table XI

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 2/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent 1/ County	Percent 1/ State	
1974								
January	45.4	42.5	41.0	1.5	2.9	6.4	7.0	*
February	45.1	42.9	41.4	1.5	2.2	4.9	6.2	*
March	45.5	43.4	41.7	1.7	2.1	4.6	6.3	*
April	45.6	43.1	41.4	1.7	2.5	5.5	6.7	*
May	45.8	43.4	41.5	1.9	2.4	5.2	6.6	.5
June	46.4	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.8	6.0	7.2	.5
July	46.6	44.1	42.1	2.0	2.5	5.4	6.7	*
August	46.2	44.0	42.0	2.0	2.2	4.8	6.5	*
September	46.2	43.9	42.3	1.6	2.3	5.0	6.5	*
October	46.2	43.9	42.0	1.9	2.3	5.0	6.6	*
November	45.6	43.2	41.4	1.8	2.4	5.3	7.0	*
December	45.8	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.3	5.0	7.0	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	5.3	6.7	*
1975								
January	46.9	44.0	42.3	1.7	2.9	6.2	7.0	*
February	46.6	43.3	41.6	1.7	3.3	7.0	8.1	*
March	46.5	43.3	41.7	1.6	3.2	7.0	8.0	.1
April	47.3	43.7	42.2	1.5	3.6	7.6	8.5	*
May	47.3	44.3	42.8	1.5	3.0	6.3	8.2	*
June	47.3	44.2	42.7	1.5	3.1	6.5	8.4	*
July	47.8	44.7	43.3	1.4	3.1	6.5	8.1	*
August	48.2	45.0	43.4	1.6	3.2	6.5	8.0	*
September	48.6	45.4	43.9	1.5	3.2	6.6	8.1	.2
October	48.0	44.8	43.2	1.6	3.2	6.7	8.3	.2
November	49.0	45.9	44.2	1.7	3.1	6.3	8.2	*
December	49.0	45.8	44.0	1.8	3.2	6.6	8.6	*
1975 Avg.	47.7	44.5	42.9	1.6	3.2	6.7	8.1	*
1976								
January	49.0	45.8	44.0	1.8	3.2	6.6	8.1	*
February	48.8	45.9	44.2	1.7	2.9	6.0	7.8	*
March	48.7	45.6	44.0	1.6	3.1	6.4	8.3	*
April	48.7	45.7	44.1	1.6	3.0	6.2	7.6	*
May	47.9	45.3	43.8	1.5	2.6	5.5	7.7	*
June	48.9	45.7	44.2	1.5	3.2	6.5	8.4	*
July	48.7R	45.7R	44.4R	1.3	3.0	6.2R	8.5R	*
August	48.7	45.8	44.4	1.5	2.9	5.9	8.4	*
September	48.8	46.2	44.8	1.4	2.6	5.3	7.5	*
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. R: Revised
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** Under 50.*

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Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.
Current month preliminary.

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TABLE XII

MONTANA HOURS AND EARNINGS

For Private Nonagricultural Industries

SEPTEMBER 1976

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. 1976	Aug. 1976	Sept. 1975	Sept. 1976	Aug. 1976	Sept. 1975	Sept. 1976	Aug. 1976	Sept. 1975
TOTAL PRIVATE	$175.57	$175.69	$165.53	36.2	36.3	36.3	$4.85	$4.84	$4.56
MANUFACTURING	244.78	238.40	211.07	41.7	39.8	38.1	5.87	5.99	5.54
Durable Goods	247.80	226.91	189.07	42.0	39.6	37.0	5.90	5.73	5.11
Primary Metal Industries	282.75	380.87	248.46	37.5	37.3	39.5	7.54	7.53	6.29
Nondurable Goods	258.49	251.29	226.80	40.9	40.4	37.8	6.32	6.22	6.00
Food and Kindred Products	249.74	244.49	213.07	42.4	42.3	39.9	5.89	5.78	5.34
MINING	299.91	298.92	287.06	42.3	42.4	44.3	7.09	7.05	6.48
Metal Mining	301.25	301.25	281.80	39.9	39.9	40.9	7.55	7.55	6.89
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	332.83	327.58	302.16	40.1	39.9	38.2	8.30	8.21	7.91
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	294.37	394.37	256.89	43.1	43.1	41.5	6.83	6.83	6.19
Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	242.35	242.31	218.68	40.8	41.0	37.9	5.94	5.91	5.77
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	144.13	145.84	129.96	35.5	36.1	36.0	4.06	4.04	3.61
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	123.15	126.22	117.98	35.8	36.8	36.3	3.44	3.43	3.25
SERVICES	107.53	107.57	105.62	30.9	31.0	32.4	3.48	3.47	3.26

Data for current month are preliminary.
Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.
Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue).
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

TABLE XIII

MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES

In Manufacturing and Mining Industries

(per 100 employees)

SEPTEMBER 1976

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Sept. 1976	Aug 1976	Sept. 1975	Sept. 1976	Aug. 1976	Sept. 1975	Sept. 1976	Aug. 1976	Sept. 1975	Sept. 1976	Aug. 1976	Sept. 1975	Sept. 1976	Aug. 1976	Sept. 1975
MANUFACTURING	3.1	3.7	5.1	2.8	3.3	4.2	3.5	3.4	4.9	2.3	1.5	2.9	0.7	1.1	0.7
Durable Goods	2.9	3.1	5.3	2.6	2.7	4.8	3.5	3.3	4.7	2.4	1.4	3.2	0.5	1.1	0.4
Primary Metal Industries	1.3	1.4	1.5	0.4	0.4	0.2	2.9	3.7	2.8	1.0	0.5	0.8	1.4	1.6	0.3
Nondurable Goods	3.4	4.7	4.8	3.1	4.3	2.8	3.7	3.5	3.6	2.2	1.8	2.4	1.0	1.2	1.1
MINING	2.5	3.0	3.3	1.6	1.4	1.9	5.4	2.7	4.8	0.8	1.1	2.4	2.8	0.9	1.3
Metal Mining	2.3	3.0	1.8	0.5	0.0	0.0	2.1	1.3	2.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.7

* *Less than .05.*
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1959.

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

BY INDUSTRY

New business firms in Montana are a reflection of economic activity within the business community. Data furnished on this page and the following page are an aggregate of information supplied by the office of the Montana Secretary of State and the Montana Employment Security Division. These data should in no way be construed as being absolute. They are presented to indicate business trends during the survey period.

The chart on the following page is a break-down by county and labor market area of business starts in Montana during the current month and year to date, with a comparison to the previous year.

The following chart is a break-down of new businesses by industry, with a comparison to last year.

Industry	Sept 1976	Sept 1975	Year to Date 1976	Year to Date 1975
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES	21	30	222	222
MINING	9	4	84	48
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	31	44	402	264
MANUFACTURING	6	13	114	85
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	7	11	82	54
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	66	65	537	442
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	23	24	211	164
SERVICES	93	109	750	729
GOVERNMENT	0	0	0	0
NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED	1	0	18	2
STATE TOTAL	257	300	2,420	2,010

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

BY LABOR MARKET AREA

Areas	NEW BUSINESS FIRMS			
			Year to Date	
	Sept 1976	Sept 1975	1976	1975
STATE OF MONTANA	257	300	2420	2010
GREAT FALLS SMSA	22	27	213	188
BILLINGS SMSA	40	40	400	305
ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA	23	17	191	146
Beaverhead	1	3	26	33
Deer Lodge	3	1	26	17
Granite	0	1	6	2
Madison	2	2	18	18
Powell	3	1	16	10
Silver Bow	14	9	99	66
BOZEMAN LMA	24	25	200	174
Gallatin	21	17	165	142
Meagher	1	1	6	5
Park	2	7	29	27
GLASGOW LMA	9	4	101	78
Daniels	0	1	21	19
Phillips	1	0	5	13
Roosevelt	4	2	30	21
Sheridan	2	0	19	13
Valley	2	1	26	12
GLENDIVE LMA	4	13	72	81
Dawson	2	5	20	36
Garfield	0	2	5	8
McCone	0	3	9	10
Prairie	1	1	7	2
Richland	1	2	30	24
Wibaux	0	0	1	1
HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA	3	6	69	59
Big Horn	1	4	17	29
Carbon	1	0	20	8
Stillwater	0	1	16	13
Sweet Grass	1	1	16	9

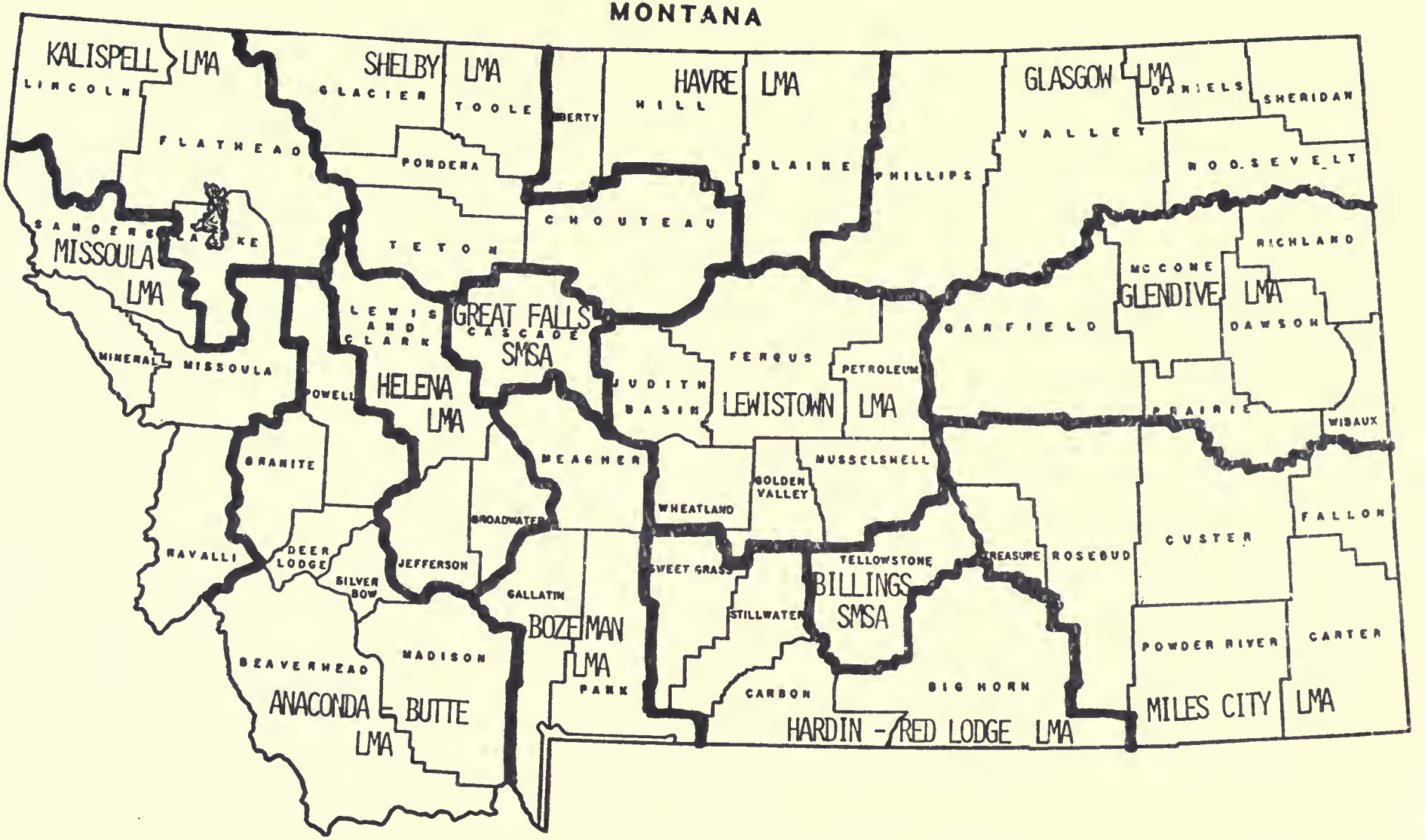
Areas	NEW BUSINESS FIRMS			
			Year to Date	
	Sept. 1976	Sept. 1975	1976	1975
HAVRE LMA	9	7	89	69
Blaine	2	0	12	15
Hill	7	7	63	50
Liberty	0	0	14	4
HELENA LMA	24	29	171	128
Broadwater	2	0	8	6
Jefferson	0	5	9	15
Lewis and Clark	22	24	154	107
KALISPELL LMA	36	40	299	220
Flathead	27	25	198	152
Lake	3	9	66	46
Lincoln	6	6	35	22
LEWISTOWN LMA	5	10	46	41
Fergus	3	8	27	28
Golden Valley	0	0	4	0
Judith Basin	1	1	1	1
Musselshell	1	0	11	7
Petroleum	0	0	2	0
Wheatland	0	1	1	5
MILES CITY LMA	11	16	109	96
Carter	0	0	5	4
Custer	6	8	54	43
Fallon	3	0	14	15
Powder River	0	1	11	5
Rosebud	2	4	22	24
Treasure	0	3	3	5
MISSOULA LMA	30	47	356	338
Mineral	0	0	12	15
Missoula	26	38	265	247
Ravalli	2	6	41	42
Sanders	2	3	38	34
SHELBY-CUT BANK LMA	17	19	104	87
Chouteau	1	2	16	9
Glacier	6	3	23	28
Pondera	4	7	25	23
Teton	5	3	24	13
Toole	1	4	16	14

Source of data: State of Montana Employment Security Division, Research and Analysis Section; Montana Secretary of State.

LABOR MARKET AREAS

IN

MONTANA



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